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CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON AFRICA

INTRO: CONGRESSMAN CHARLES DIGGS, ACCOMPANIED BY CONGRESS-  
WOMAN CARDISS COLLINS, SPENT ONE DAY IN MOZAMBIQUE, THE THIRD  
STOP ON A TEN NATION AFRICAN TOUR. FOLLOWING IS A REPORT ON  
THEIR ACTIVITIES FROM THE MOZAMBIQUE CAPITAL, LOURENCO MARQUES.

TEXT: CONGRESSMAN DIGGS AND CONGRESSWOMAN COLLINS MET WITH  
BOTH HIGH COMMISSIONER ADMIRAL VICTOR CRESPO AND PRIME MINISTER  
OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, JOAQUIM CHISSANO ON JANUARY 30.  
MR. DIGGS TOLD VOA THAT AFTER HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH MOZAMBICAN  
LEADERS HE HAD COME AWAY WITH CONFIDENCE THAT MOZAMBICANS  
WOULD OVERCOME THE USUAL PROBLEMS THAT ATTEND ANY PROVISIONAL  
GOVERNMENT. CONGRESSMAN DIGGS SAID " AS IN EVERY INSTANCE IN  
AFRICA, THE INDEPENDENT COUNTRY WILL BE AN IMPROVEMENT OVER  
COLONIAL RULE". DIGGS SAID HE WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN  
HOW INDEPENDENCE COMING TO MOZAMBIQUE "WILL IMPART ON THE  
OTHER MINORITY REGIMES IN AFRICA".

AS TO FUTURE MOZAMBIQUE - US RELATIONS, DIGGS SAID HE FOUND  
LEADERS HERE WILLING TO "WIPE THE SLATE CLEAN" AND THAT RELATIONS  
WILL BE BASED ON THE FUTURE RATHER THAN THE PAST.

REGARDING POSSIBLE U.S. ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, DIGGS SAID  
MOZAMBICAN LEADERS INDICATED AMERICAN OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE WILL  
BE CONSIDERED ALONG WITH OTHER DONORS AS LONG AS THE SOVER-  
EIGNTY OF THE COUNTRY IS NOT COMPROMISED.

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CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, UPON LEAVING MOZAMBIQUE SAID HE HOPED TO  
MEET OTHER REPRESENTATIVES OF FRELIMO, PARTICULARLY PRESIDENT  
SAMORA MACHEL, WHEN HE VISITS DAR-ES-SALAAM IN FEBRUARY.  
ITEM.  
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